FERGUSON et al - Fial No.: 08/307,640



&2. The method according to claim &1 wherein said TGF- β_3 is provided at said site in an inactive form that is converted to an active form at said site.

83. The method according to claim 81 wherein said TGF- $\beta3$ is provided at said site in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The claims have been revised so as to define the invention with additional clarity. That the claims have been amended should not be construed as an indication that Applicants agree with any view expressed by the Examiner. Rather the revisions are offered merely to advance prosecution and Applicants reserve the right to pursue any deleted subject matter in a continuation application.

Claims 56-71 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being non-enabled. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order in view of the above-noted claim revisions and for the reasons that follow.

The Examiner will appreciate that reference is not made in the claims as now presented to ribozymes or antisense or soluble receptors.

As regards the remaining aspects of the rejection, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the specification for evidence relating to the anti-fibrotic effects of TGF- β 3 and Shah et al on page 2 of the specification (copy enclosed). Further evidence relating to the effect of anti-PDGF antibodies is also contained within the enclosed abstract published in the Journal of Cellular Biochemistry.

In view of the above, reconsideration is requested.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE, P.C.

Mary J. Willson Reg. No. 32,955

MJW:tat

1100 North Glebe Road

8th Floor

Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714

Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100